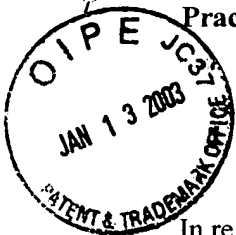


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicant is submitting the art shown on the attached list for consideration by the Examiner. By submitting such items, applicant is not admitting that such items are prior art. Notation that the items have been considered is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should there be any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

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